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I feel the FDA is responsible to **ban the forced molting of hens**. This cruel practice results in increased egg-laying, but increases contamination and disease by interfering with the hens immune system, promoting disease in the hen, and is likely to injure human health.

There are many cruel practices toward these birds - cutting off beaks, denying them room to move about, keeping them in unsanitary cages.

It is unfortunate that our law books keep getting bigger, but when people don't do what they are supposed to do, laws need to be made. I have done my part by not buying anymore eggs. Please stop this manipulation of egg production and animal cruelty.

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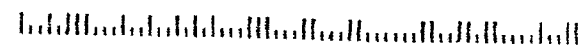
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